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**AMENDMENT FEE TRANSMITTAL AND PETITION TO EXTEND TIME UNDER
37 CFR 1.136(a)**

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment for the above-identified application in response to the Office Action mailed **May 1, 2003**

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated **May 1, 2003** be extended for a period of

1 month at a fee of \$110 for a large entity or \$55 for a small entity

2 months at a fee of \$210 for a large entity or \$420 for a small entity

3 months at a fee of \$950 for a large entity or \$475 for a small entity from **August 1, 2003** to **Monday, November 3, 2003** The required fee for the extension is estimated to be **\$475**.

No additional claims fees are required.

Authorization is hereby made to charge the amount of \$475 to deposit account number 05-1135. No other fee is believed due in connection with the

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extension request. If any other fee or fees are due, however, authorization hereby made to charge the amount of any other fee(s) to Deposit Account No. 05-1135 or to charge any overpayment thereto.

A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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